

Rihand and Ramagundam Projects on NTPC

*258. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC's Rihand (10,000 MW) and Ramagundam (500 MW) projects are being delayed due to administrative decision like splitting civil works from the order tender;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) The bids for Main Plant Turnkey Package for Rihand Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) Stage-II (2x500 MW) in Uttar Pradesh and Main Plant Turnkey Package for Ramagundam STPP Stage-III (1x500 MW) in Andhra Pradesh were opened by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on 17.10.2000 and 24.10.2000 respectively. Out of 16 parties, who purchased the bidding documents for each of these packages, it is only the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) who submitted bids for Rihand STPP Stage-II and Ramagundam STPP Stage-III. The scope of work in both the cases *inter-alia* included Main Plant Civil and Structural works. During negotiations, BHEL did not reduce their prices for Civil and Structural works. As the prices for similar Civil and Structural works awarded in case of Talcher STPP Stage-II were found to be much lower than the prices quoted by BHEL, NTPC decided to delete the Main Plant Civil and Structural works from the Scope of BHEL. The pre-award discussions for award of the Main Plant Turnkey Package for these two expansion projects are in progress. The award for Main Plant Turnkey Package for Rihand Stage-II is likely to be placed shortly. The award for Main Plant Turnkey Package for Ramagundam Stage-III will be placed after investment approval. There has been no delay due to administrative decision to split the civil works.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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(c) Rihand STPP Stage-II and Ramagundam STPP Stage-III are expected to be commissioned as per schedule indicated below:—

Project	Unit No.	Commissioning Schedule-year
Rihand STPP	Unit-1	2005-06
Stage-II (2x500 MW)	Unit-2	2006-07
Ramagundam STPP, Stage-III (1x500 MW)	Unit-1	2005-06

Myanmar Detenues in A&N Islands

*259. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 36 Myanmar detenues arrested following the so-called "Operation Leech" on February 11, 1998, continue to be under house arrest in Port Blair, without any progress in their trial;

(b) if so, what are the charges against them; and

(c) the steps taken over the period of three years to give them a fair trial and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The 36 Myanmar nationals arrested in connection with "Operation Leech" have been on bail since 23rd October, 1999 and are not under house arrest. However, in view of security considerations, their movement has been restricted under the Foreigners Act, 1946.

(b) As per the FIR, these 36 persons are accused of offences